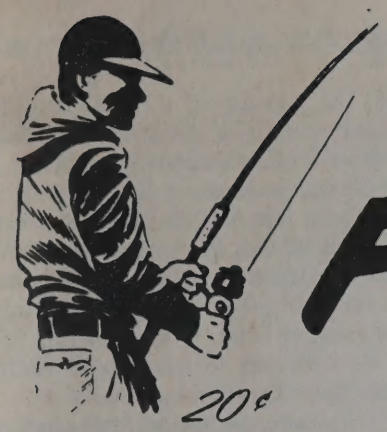

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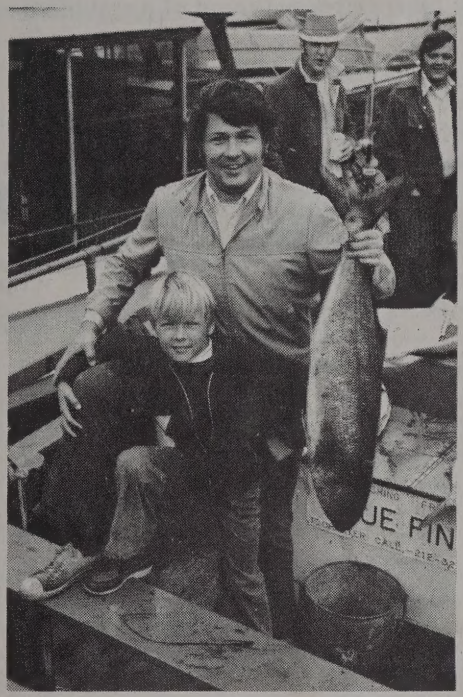

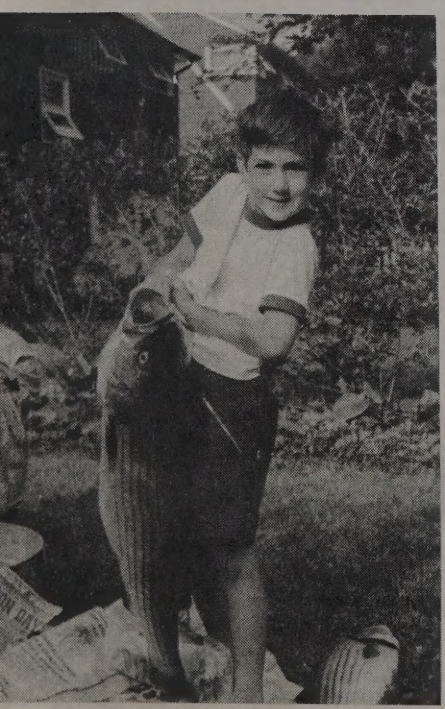

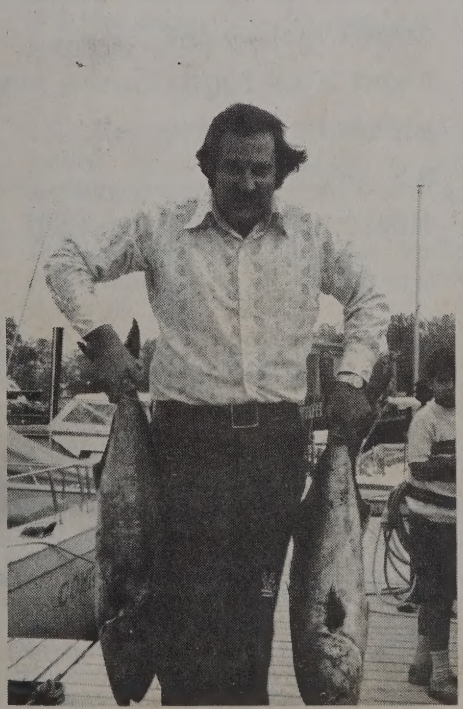

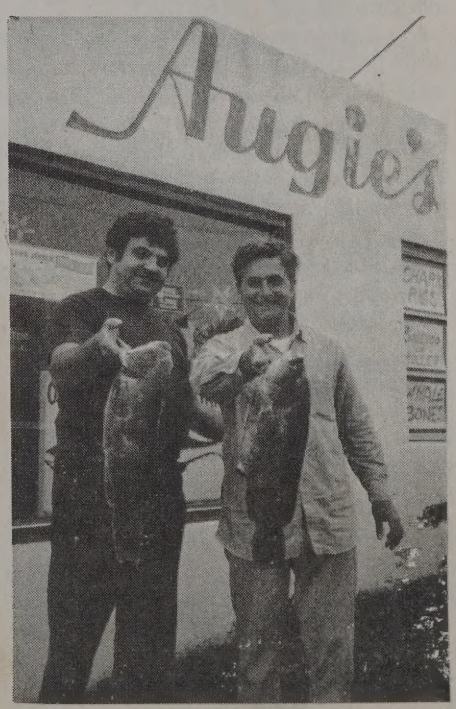

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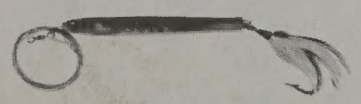

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CHUM LINES

Sirs:

Good, terrific, etc. on Vince Guaglianone's article in issue 40, 1971. I gather we cannot expect more of the same on other areas, it's too good to last. Anyway, good work. C. Bernth, Centerport, New York

Dear Don:

I don't know if you were personally responsible for the recruitement of Vince Guaglianone and his article on Strictly Casting. But if you did take part in the arm twisting, many thanks. This article was long overdue, and I hope it is only the first in a very long series on Strictly Casting. Only a surfcaster could really appreciate this gem that Vince wrote. I'm an apprentice caster in my third year and know how hard it is to get the scoop on locations and tides and other techniques that are effective for certain areas. I know my fellow casters do not mean to be secretive but they all seem to share the fear that if they tell "precisely where at West End," or at any other location, there will be a mob scene the next week and a good thing will be killed. I disagree and I think Vince's article has done more to advance the sport of surfcasting than any article I have read. It was the kind of information we weekend casters do not come upon by talking with our friends or reading in books. Fortunately an experienced caster like Vince, who knows the locations, is willing to tell in hope of making the plight of the new surfcaster a little easier. Ron Schoenfeld, Elmhurst, New York.

■ *In this issue Vince takes us out on the slippery boulders at Montauk. He promises more to follow. You asked for it. I asked for it. If there is any handshaking to take place, Vince gets it and I want to be the first in line to thank him.*

Dear Sir:

As an avid salt water fisherman and faithful subscriber to "The Long Island Fisherman," I find your unique newspaper to be the most informative and readable publication of its kind, anywhere. I especially enjoy your particular approach to the sport as reported in Don's Corner, Pluggin' Around, Chum Lines, etc.

My problem is that I fish such hotspots as Watch Hill, Charlestown, and Misquamicut - all of which are in Rhode Island.

Should any of your staff have the opportunity to jaunt over to these hallowed fishing grounds, would it be possible to periodically include reports of these trips in L.I.F.? Better yet, what would your marketing people think were you to suggest an expanded version of L.I.F. to include Connecticut and Rhode Island? Perhaps The Northeastern Fisherman would be apropos.

I shall continue to enjoy L.I.F. as always, even though I've never heard of Manasquan, Noyack, or Shinnecock. In the meantime, won't you consider keeping us "Ocean Staters" better informed? James Lyons, Glastonbury, Conn.

■ *Jim, old buddy, if fishing at those hotspots is a problem, I know a thousand Long Islanders, Don included, who would like to trade "problems." Periodically, I will publish anything the readers want, if I can get it. By the way, where is Rhode Island?*

CLUB NEWS

Farragut Striper Club President, Patrick Abate, sent us word on their surf-fishing tournament against the High Hill Striper Club held out at Montauk on October 16th. High Hill club member Jack Frech was the winner with an 18 lb. striper and a 7 lb. bluefish.

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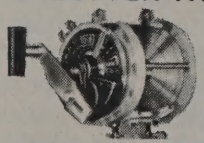

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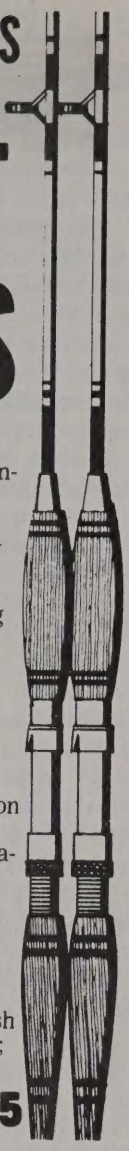

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PLUGGIN' AROUND

BY AL REINFELDER

SPOONS IN THE SALT CHUCK

Freshwater men, be they trout, bass, pike, musky or pickerel fans, have a thoroughgoing respect and understanding of the thin metal lures called "spoons." Legend has it that long ago a camper's spoon dropped into the water by accident, was immediately siezed by a hungry gamester, thus inspiring a long line of lures which more or less resembled this kitchen utensil. Today, no inland angler's tackle box is complete without a number of these productive lures.

Along the coast spoons are somewhat less popular, but no less effective. The first really popular lures on Long Island were various casting squids made of block tin. Because molding requires relatively heavy cross sectional dimensions, none of these lures were ever thin enough to be classified as a true spoon. But the idea was the same: a flashy metal lure which would wobble on its own as it was retrieved.

During and after WW II plugs partially eclipsed the squids, but the popularization of spinning made it possible for the first time to cast true spoons into the brine. (For the sake of clarity, what is generally referred to as a spoon is a relatively thin metal lure in the rough general shape of the business part of an ordinary table spoon. In almost all cases spoons are stamped from metal sheets.)

Light tackle coastal anglers soon learned that mackerel, weakfish, snappers and school sized bass love the highly active metallic lures. Spoons are still popular for mackerel today. At the time of the spoon's appearance weakfishermen were still hooked on grass shrimp chumming, so they never really caught on to the lure's effectiveness. Today's more sports minded anglers have quickly learned of the weakies love of the light metal lures. Spoons such as the Johnson Sprite were popular snapper baits when I was a kid, and they are so today.

For light tackle casting for mackerel, weakfish and snappers you should have the following spoons: Johnson Sprite, Phoebe, Side-Winder, and Sierra Spoon. Weights from 3/4 oz. down to 1/4 oz. should be available for use depending on the weight capacity of your tackle, the size of the quarry and the size of the bait. All silver lures are fine for these fish, but weakfish love gold spoons, and silver or gold lures with a dash of red or flourescent orange.

The way to work these lures is to allow them to settle a moment after they hit the water, then retrieve them slowly while raising your rod tip. When your rod tip is at 12 o'clock point the rod straight ahead and allow the lure to drop and wobble in place before resuming your retrieve.

Weakfish are suckers for the "Texas Twitch" - which is my name for a technique I learned while fishing for Texas seatrout with the Garcia Sierra Spoon. It is a fairly standard thing among the hot "trout" men of the Gulf coast, and my few efforts with South Oyster Bay weakfish seems to indicate that the method should become just as popular here.

Reel in the lure as you normally would, but instead of allowing the lure to drop and wobble on its own, stop reeling and shake your rod violently back and forth. This creates a crazy, twitching effect in the Sierra Spoon which drives weakfish crazy.

Truthfully, I have not found spoons to be very effective as light tackle casting lures for striped bass and bluefish. I know they catch fish, and I have taken a few myself on the fresh water baits, but they just can't match the other lures we have often discussed on these pages. Part of the problem, of course, is that normal casting conditions on the bass and bluefish grounds are far from ideal from the viewpoint of the spoon-feeder. Wind will catch these light lures and ruin casts. Their light weight and large surface area also prevents them from digging in and getting down to proper depths.

Trolling spoons are an altogether different story, however. The various thin stainless steel trolling spoons of the Stripo, Jr. type and the angular "squid-spoon" variety are excellent trolling lures for both bass and bluefish. These lures can be trolled as they come, the Stripo's can be bent to add to their action, and both types can be decorated with strips of white porkrind. These lures should be used when schools of small silversides abound.

Although it is not commonly done, the use of these small spoons on umbrella rigs is dynamite. Even three on a spreader works magic at times.

In all cases these spoons should be trolled as fast as possible, but not so fast as to allow the spinning of the spoon. As with all trolling lures, they should be observed near the boat before being streamed into the tide.

The hammered Hopkins spoon is somewhat bigger than those just mentioned, and it is an excellent trolling spoon when larger baits are in evidence. The same principles apply to this spoon as to the others.

Grand-daddy of all lures (in terms of size) is the mammoth bunker spoon. Once the most popular trolling lure in the New York Bight, the secret of North Shore sharpies, and the fall killer at Montauk, this great lure fell out of favor in proportion to the diminishment of the menhaden - which the lure sought to duplicate. Now, with the return of the bunker (menhaden, mossbunker, bunker and pogy are one and the same fish) the spoon's popularity is increasing. Giant bluefish will clobber this spoon, but its main purpose is the taking of giant striped bass.

Many good bunker spoons have been made, but we lean toward the Wil-Arm. The most effective way of modifying this lure is to paint it white. Some anglers like to paint the lead keel red, but I have not found this to be of much help. Watch the action of the spoon before you troll it. It should rock back and forth steadily and completely, but not turn over or spin. Use your most limber trolling rods, as they will absorb the shock of the lure's throbbings and create a better action.

If you want to improve your spoon even more, try various painting experiments. The mossbunker has most unusual colors in its skin: Silver, yellow, gold, copper and purple all appear as you hold the fish at various angles. If your artistic abilities enable you to come close to these ephemeral hues, you will own a killer of killers.

In order to keep track of his best spoons, Capt. Ronnie Lepper (of the Kim) files a small notch into a spoon whenever he hooks a bass on it. At the end of the season those spoons, which for one reason or another (it is not always possible to know which) did not produce, are discarded, while the multi-notched ones are guarded with care.

It is interesting to note that only a small percentage of spoons become heavily notched. Thus you should not limit yourself to the ownership of just one or two of these monstrous spoons, as you

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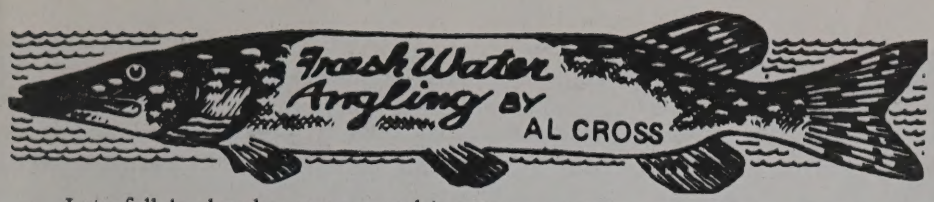

Late fall is already upon us and it seems like just the other day that we were getting ready for opening day of trout season. Now here it is closing, and will have been closed by the time this issue goes to print. We still have to the end of November, though, to add a few more bass to our season's score. Also, for those of you who, like myself, hate to put your rod away for the year and don't mind fishing in cold weather, remember the pickerel season runs through March of next year.

Take note now though, if you haven't renewed your last years license, it runs from October 1, 1970 to September 30, 1971. If you intend to keep fishing you had better get busy and get your new license right away.

This late season pickerel fishing can provide a toothsome catch even though these long nosed characters are often scorned and underrated by many fresh water fishermen, but not by this one. Particularly in my younger days when I spent many hours chasing these vicious devils. Yes, vicious is the word. Like their big brothers, the pike and the muskellunge, they are strictly predators and at times will attack your lure or bait with unbelievable ferocity and savage abandon. When hooked at this time of year or later in cool water they will give a fine account of themselves.

Generally pickerel can be talked into taking artificials of almost any kind. For my part I have found the spinner or spoon type produce the best results. If you like bait fishing, a minnow of any kind can prove deadly. Look for the pickerel to be lurking along shallow, grassy areas near the shoreline, or in any shallow area with plenty of coves. They will sometimes lie in a few feet of water waiting for some unsuspecting little fish to pass close to their cover. Then, in the blinking of an eye, they will shoot out and grab it.

I still vividly recall a night on the Freeport Reservoir when a large pickerel suddenly broke the surface of the water amid a shower of minnows. He slashed in every direction, slaughtering them in the same manner you might see a salt water blue do to a school of baitfish.

The Freeport Reservoir has since then lost its population of pickerel, as have many of the lakes in Nassau. If you want to try for these fish I suggest your coming out to Suffolk County. I'm sure you will find more action out here. Places I might suggest are Belmont Lake at the south end by the spillway, and both the lakes south of Belmont are fair producers and worth a try. These are Southards Pond and Argyle Pond in Babylon. Lake Ronkonkoma will also give up a few, as will Wildwood Lake in Riverhead. Look for very large fish in this little lake, although you might not find them easy to come by. Peconic Lake and the Peconic River have a fair share of the supply, as do Long Pond in Sag Harbor, Big Fresh Pond in North Sea, and Mill Pond in Water Mill.

Another fish which should help to keep up your interest in fishing throughout the colder months is the scrappy white perch. Nowadays they run about a pound or two on the average. Anything bigger is a good fish.

With few exceptions these are tidal water fish and mostly should be looked for in our tidal rivers, creeks and streams. Three top producers among these are the Connetquot River in Oakdale, the Nissequogue in Smithtown, and Carman's River which is south of Southaven Park in Yaphank. These perch can be fooled with small artificials or they will take worms, minnows or grass shrimp when they are present in the waters being fished. These are primarily a school fish and will run up and down the creek or river with the tides chasing bait. They are not the flashiest fighters in the world, but they can give a fair account of themselves. When caught they make excellent table fare.

You may still be able to take a few trout in the tidal waters and you are not required to have a license to fish these waters. The season closes on them October 31st though, and the law states that any trout caught after this date must be returned to the water. Last winter I took, and had to return, a brown trout of six pounds on the Connetquot River in front of Dowling College. I was trolling with a spinner and worm combination from my boat for white perch. If you happen to pick up a trout after the last day, be sure to return it. You are risking a good fine if you are caught with it.

For those of you who find it too cold to fish anymore this late in the season, it's time to stow away your gear. First, be sure it is in good working order. For those of you who are so inclined, you might spend some winter nights tying flies, dreaming of next years catch, or of the fish you've caught in years gone by. Perhaps on some of those cold evenings you might pick up some of your back issues of the Long Island Fisherman. Read back over them and file away some ideas for next season. Plan ahead for next year and you should enjoy as good a fishing season as I have had this year.

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(Pluggin' Around continued)

may have all duds. There is no known way of predicting in advance which spoons will work.

To go back for a moment to the question of casting spoons, once my friend Lou Palma and I were really into bass. They were hitting the bunker spoons with abandon. Since the water was relatively shallow (less than twenty feet) we stopped the boat and started to plug the productive area. We raised and hooked quite a few fish on Alou Eels and big skin plugs and then decided to try casting the bunker spoons. The lures cast surprisingly well and looked very good on the retrieve. But, except for one fish which boiled deep behind my spoon, we received no hits at all.

Strictly Casting
by Vince Guaglianone

AT MONTAUK POINT IN THE AUTUMN

PART I

Sometimes when I say, Montauk . . . my voice breaks. Here's almost the only surf on Long Island where I might hook my first 50-pounder. The trouble is, 30-pound stripers are hooked and easily lost at Montauk. It's a tough shore to work. The stones are slippery in the wash. Fierce currents help a hooked fish escape. Crusty boulders devastate monofilament line.

Then there's the human element at Montauk, which also helps big fish break away. Did you ever beach a schoolie that had eight other jigs in it, and was wrapped up in eight other lines? This is a part of it at Montauk in the autumn.

Over confidence in any coast's fishing-potential makes us careless in sizing things up. Like any other shore, the fishing at Montauk is relative to the conditions of a particular time. Then add a little good luck. But too often, the surfmen's eastward-migration, an army of wide-eyed hungries, occupies Montauk prior to the arrival of autumn's bass. This is because we want 'October' to be a magic word. But if the air doesn't get cold in the month called 'October', then call it 'September'; call it 'August', and act accordingly. Wait with hope for November days; or let your impatience lead you north to Rhode Island.

It's a late season this year again, but schoolies and some real fish in the 30's were beached at Montauk. On 10/16 a mild easterly blew, and mid-day some bass were taken from the famous North Bar. The next afternoon, a few more bass were beached on the falling tide on the North Bar; but a northeaster rose and kept up fierce. As far as I know, only boats could get bass then; offshore of the Point and plenty of bass. It was a good night for some casters on 10/19 when the wind started veering; and better on the night of 10/20 after the rotten northeaster had subsided and the sea settled down (though still strong from the new moon). Big poppers are favored, and the mackerel-finish seemed most effective.

Maybe by the time you're reading this, the real action has started up (or passed over till next year) but on those two nights, most of the fish were caught below and to the right of the Light, where the beach erosion is most noticeable. This is Montauk's toughest spot. Generally, it needs the high incoming tide here; and this short shore is all of high boulders in that tide. Several big fish were 'dropped'; and here they are literally dropped, because you stand high atop the boulders and you have to jump down and gaff a good fish which the breakers want to dash against the stone, and you with it. So that if you've not gaffed the fish quickly with a long gaff, the receding wave's undertow takes the fish down with a yank and, goodbye line, goodbye big fish; unless you put the rod-tip down while retaining your footing, and while somehow loosening the drag with the hand that was holding the gaff. Then try again . . . My neighbors tell me how nice that I enjoy so relaxing a sport as fishing.

Though personally I don't like an army of casters around me, this Right-of-the-Light area is one where it's good to have that other figure near you in the dark, to beg him to be your gaff-boy after you've played in your lunker. Are you ready to jump down in the dark and be his gaff-boy when he begs? This too is a part of it at Montauk.

All these spots are famous, and to find them you need only ask the kindest-looking rodmen around. Talking to brother-casters on the beach is a good habit. Even in the tenseness of Montauk, some tribesmen remain good fellows; especially those waiting for the right times and the right versions; while they watch a major part of the hunger-army casting and casting, cheek-by-jowl on the North Bar, all day long. The watchful ones will tend to gladly set you wise.

Another good habit before your first cast is to study the shoreline. (1) Look at pieces of it from high places through polaroids and binoculars; (2) Look at all of it on a roadmap (geodetic maps are better).

On the map, notice that the Point itself juts eastward, but the basic land-mass faces Block Island a little more northeast. Westward are the Sounds and big Bays; and Montauk Lake close by. If the major migratory baits (like moss-bunker) have not come out of these lesser waters yet, the northeast wind is a washout. The NE blast is bad also because it does not help even the Lake's normal bait-supply (spearing, eels, etc.) reach the Point. And even if NE and strong E winds are under a clear sky, they make rough water. Rough, white water is fine: "Big water, big bass," as they say. But there has to be bait in that big water. So even after the autumn baits have arrived, if the wind turns NE too strong then the bait tends to take shelter, or get pushed into Lake Montauk and Fort Pond Bay. It's good on the south side if some bait schools also find their way into Turtle Cove and big coves of Ditch Plains along the south. But also try Lake Montauk's jetty-tips with live eels at night, ebb tide, under a NE blast.

The best strong winds at Montauk tend to be southwest and south. These, blowing over the Atlantic, push big groundswells in which come smashing round at the Point. Now the bait takes refuge in coves and along Jones Reef right at the Point (the Shagwong current now tending to bar bait from getting further north). In relatively sheltered waters, the baits seem to be waiting for the sea to subside before continuing their journey oceanward. Now the bass move right into coves and reefs for the kill. And now you can shout: "Oh boy, Montauk!"

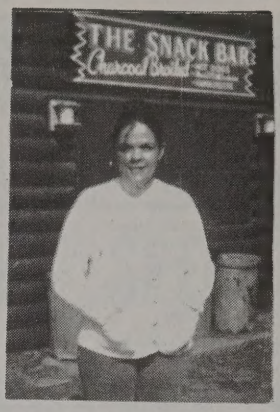
The east and SE breezes are good, but I'm trying strictly mild ones for the next two years. A northwest blast, steady and over a day long, is excellent partly because it gives impetus to the push of the ebb's bait out of Montauk Lake and out of the ferocious Shagwong currents. Some sharpies speed out to Montauk, particularly under a northwester, and they take an intense look at Clark's Cove (just left of the North Bar), and they do it in early December!

Sure there are exceptional times when a NE wind or storm is no disaster, and some casters (you should be one) take fish. But when you're hoping for the exceptional at Montauk, you're no longer thinking of that Montauk sure-thing stuff. (Casters who caught fish at Montauk under the NE storm of 10/23-4, please let me know.)

Part II will treat of Montauk spots in more detail. But if you're going to be at Montauk before Part II gets out, then study the maps; explore the shores; ask questions; think about When and Why (not just Where). The only other thing you really need from me is, perhaps, a reminder to glue outdoor carpeting to the soles and heels of your waders. Use water-proof glue. And, if you get that 50-pounder before I do, please send in "Montauk, Part III."

AT SWINGING BRIDGE

BY FRED GUARDINEER



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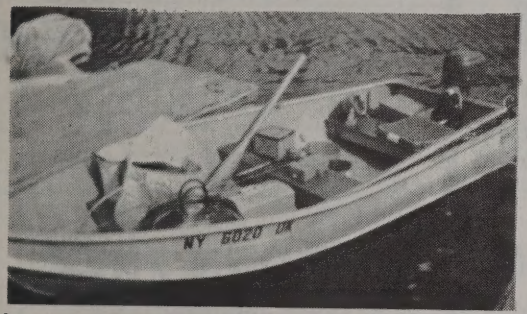

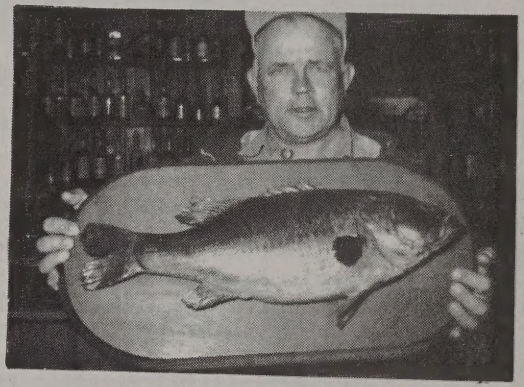

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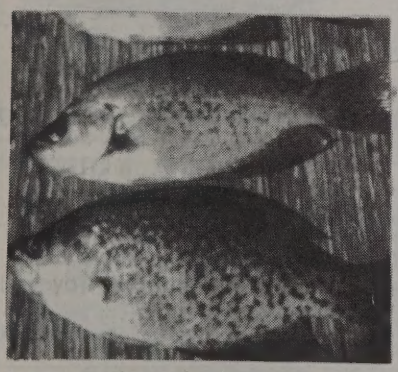
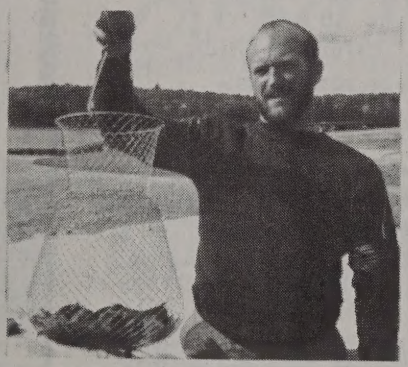
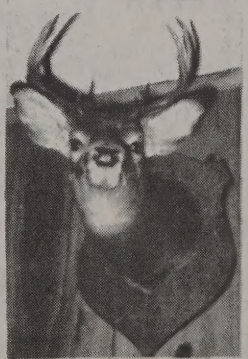
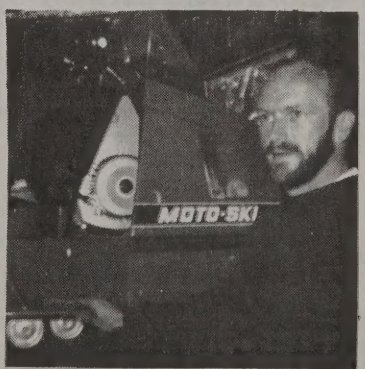




I CATCH SOME NICE CALICO'S AND FAT CATS, IN MY TRAP. BILL CROISSANT CHECKS ONE OF HIS MARINA CUSTOMER'S BOATS. BIG FISH THIS SEASON WERE: 6-10 BR. TROUT, 2 1/4 LB. CRAPPIE, 4 LB. PICKEREL





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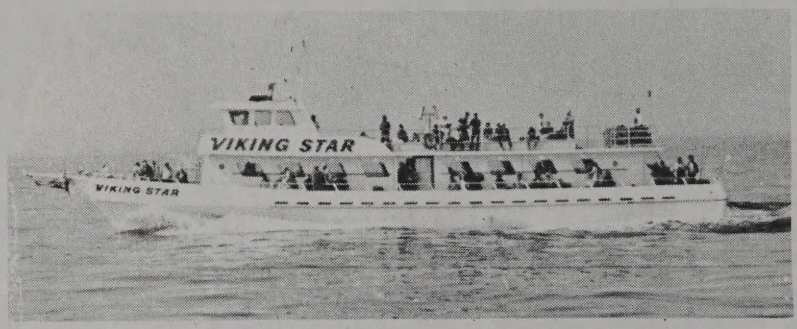

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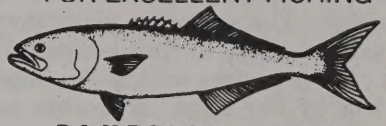

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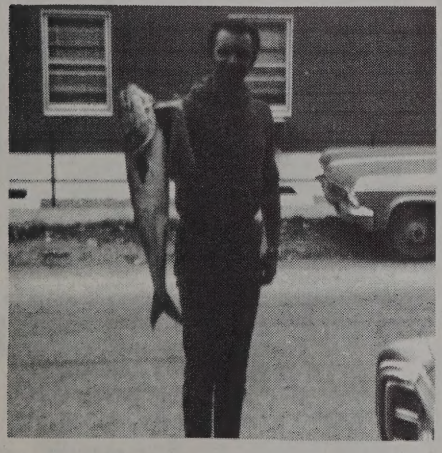

Richard Brennan took this 20 lb. 10 oz. bluefish from the surf at Sunken Meadow on a homemade popper. Richard belongs to the Striper Surf Club of Franklin Square.

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MAMRONECK

Blues are picking up in Westchester. Fred Archer reports several catches of choppers in the 10 and 12 lb. category. Trollers, using surgical tubes graced with pork rind, are near the top of the list. Bass are slow, but flounder are moving in and show signs of an excellent winter run. Blacks are just unbelievable.

GREENWICH

It almost pains me to talk to Doug at the Sportsmans Den. All this beautiful weather, and he's stuck with a healing but unfishable injury. His spirits were high though, as he told me of Hoey Sudell and John Revella who took 11 "biggies" in the 10 and 12 lb. class, trolling Buoy 32A with those white and blue Troll Kings. Surface action seems to have slowed for the choppers in this area, but school stripers more than make up. The bass are hitting plugs all around Greenwich Pt. Though they're schoolies, everybody is happy. Blacks are excellent with a pick up in flounder activity. A pair of fluke by Fire Chief Bill Dawson, scaling 2 lbs. each, brought the seasons total to four of this species in the area. This matches the total weakfish run here the season before last, and look at the run of weaks this year. Doug thinks we may have a good fluke season ahead.

STAMFORD

I caught Pat Chirillo at the Marina, resting up for another go at the stripers. How he could beat his catch of the night before, I don't know, but he took four stripers, the biggest scaling 44 lbs. Pat fishes strictly artificials, mostly those of the Goo-Goo Eyes line. Combine a good plug and a good angler, and that's what you get.

DARIEN

We caught Art Van Sciver on the phone at The Bait Shop, who confessed to hitting a few, then turned me over to brother Bert. He'd been out the day before, had found the fish at Copps Island, followed the school clear to Compo in Westport, and had bonanza time. Waterfront residents are playing the bluefish - commuting game which consists of getting up early, catching 4 or 5 outside the back door, then the quick change to the business suit and off to the train and the City. Mackerel have joined the fishing parade here, but are on an in and off basis so far. Flounder improve daily.

NORWALK

At Hickory Bluff, I asked Grace Valentine for a report, and she gave it in one word - Bluefish! They're right on the beach, along with some bass, an abundance of blackfish, some small flats, and who could ask for more.

At Mola Bros., we get family reports. Bruce had been out with cousin Rick after last weeks storm, and they took a couple of 12 pounders. Then, a trip to Boston Harbor for smelt, but it was the day after the storm and they bombed out, taking only 50. About then, Uncle Vinnie walked in to tell me of the "big doin's" at Calf Pasture Pier. It's popper time there, with the splashers faring even better than the bunker dunkers. High hook so far reportedly took 16 blues off the pier in an afternoon. Fish, however, are averaging 2 to 3 lbs. On the bass side of the fishing picture, Jerry DeRosa caught a 32 lb. lunker, fishing in the islands, and Tony Carratone weighted in his biggest bass to date, a whopping 42 lb. lunker.

WESTPORT

When I called the Westport Tackle Shop, Ed first turned me over to Bill Mraz, Westport Bass Club member, who gave the following account of a morning at Burial Hill Beach. He and a couple of other anglers were disappointed at first when the fish didn't show. Then a mermaid appeared on the scene. Actually, it was a beautiful blonde, who lost no time in stripping to a wet suit, putting on a pair of flippers, and diving in. She took time, however, to attach a piece of mono with a popper at the other end, then took a liesurely swim, "trolling" the popper behind. Who said fishing isn't an inventive sport?

Tommy Urbanowitz took a blue scaling 14 lbs. at Bedfords Pt. on a popper using the tried and true method. Don Vogel scored with 16 choppers, fishing bunker baits at Fayerweather. Trollers are scoring at Middleground (Stratford Shoals) with the largest fish reported so far scaling 18 lbs.

Bass are bigger and better by the day. Westporter John Backiel took one weighing 36½ lbs. fishing bunker at Bedfords, and Bill Christy played a big bass for 36 minutes before it broke off near the boat. Hal Curry and Mac McMahon have been racking up a score on schoolies up to 8 lbs., fishing plugs at Penfield.

BRIDGEPORT

Roger Risley weighed in a 34 lb. 10 oz. striper at Bob's Bait. This fish was also taken on bunker at Bedfords Pt. in Westport. Many blues still around. Bob says snappers are still in at South Benson Marina and off the Fayerweather Docks. Bigger blues are still in at Seaside, and off St. Mary's on occasion.

At the Sportsmans Den, I spoke with Steve, who reported much activity, but no big weigh-ins. Steve had a report from the Cape (Cod that is), where anglers are doing great on both blues and bass.

NEW HAVEN

Outdoor Sports it is, with plenty of blues and bass still available. Stony Creek is the hotspot, with everything from blues to butterfish available. Frank had a big day with 79 on his day off. One bluefisherman, who fishes every second day, reports catches as high as 87 fish. On the bass side, Mike Bergeroff fished Savin Rock and came up with a 20 pounder.

Way back in the spring, I visited a fee fishing spot called Rainbow Lake Trout Farm in North Haven, and was visibly impressed with the fishing there. Walt just passed on the word that the owner, Les Corey, is planning to open it up to ice fishing this winter, making it a must for my winter schedule. We'll run a later article on the spot.

MERIDEN

This town is only minutes from the salt water, and is the spot where many members of the Central Conn. Striper Club reside. This club always finishes high in the R.J. Schaefer Salt Water Fishing Contest stadnings, so I was tickled to talk to Paul Caruso, owner of the Tackle Box in that community. We hope to include fishing news from this area, and as many of these members fish the Rhode Island shore, we should stay pretty much up on what's going on in that area. Paul Kaminsky, a non-member was fishing from Paul Caruso's boat in waters off Westbrook last week, and took a 50 lb. bass. Club President, Don Deberadino (hope I spelled that right, Don), took a 65 lb. trophy bass fishing off Charleston Breachway a few days ago.

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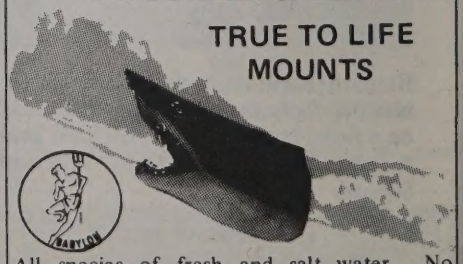

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Clyde Sealy plugged this pair of stripers off Center Island. Photo by the Glenwood Tackle Shop.

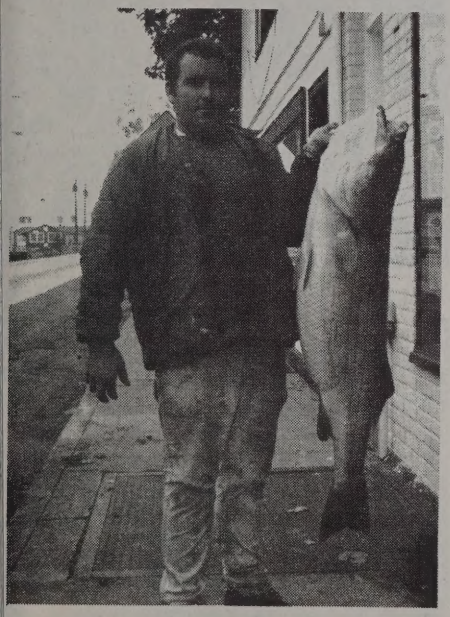
Capt. Sy Karlin of the "Blue Fin" sent this photo of Lawrence Logan, Sr. and Jr., holding a 17 lb. 13 oz. bluefish taken with some 500 lbs. of blues by the Marlene Fishing Club of Manhattan 1½ hrs. S.E. of Jones Inlet. They left while the fish were still leaping. Mackerel strips were used as bait.

Mary Skidmore took this photo of John Mangine and his son with the 150 blue claw crabs that they got at Harts Cove.

Sixteen year old Jan Vernick got his first striper, 17 lbs., fishing with his dad at Harts Island. They trolled worms.

17 and 16 pound bluefish caught by Jay Gold off New Rochelle using live bunkers aboard Chuck Scotch's boat "Aloha."

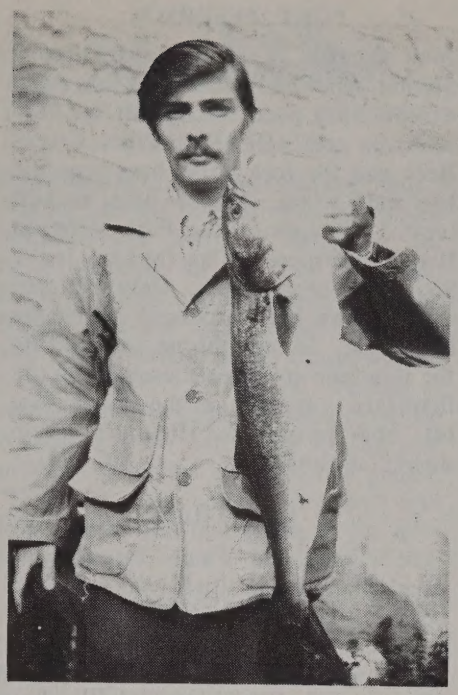
William Mirabella and Nick Zigo had a blackfish bonanza at the Kismet Reef; a bushel of blackfish topped off by these 6 pounders. Photo courtesy of Augie's.



Gary Dillon and the 49½ pound striper he caught off the Norwalk Islands and reported in last week's L.I.F.

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle reported that blackfishing was excellent throughout his area. Unfortunately the bait supply couldn't keep up with the demand. Big bass and blues are still being caught in the No Nations on live bunkers; if you can find the bunkers. Flounder fishing is poor but a number of ¾ pound herring showed up and were taking spearing baits. Snappers and Boston mackerel are coming into the docks in the morning and evening.



Dennis Ferrier caught this 12 lb. bluefish off Greenwich using a fish finder rig "loaded with a bunker chunk."

HEMPSTEAD HARBOR

The Glenwood Tackle Shop reported that the snappers at the local powerhouse are keeping a number of anglers content as the action with blues out in the harbor seems to be on the wane. There were a few big blues taken on live bunkers during last week and at least one decent striper of 24½ pounds weighed in by Henry Pellechia. Blackfishing remains excellent along both shores and at the breakwaters.

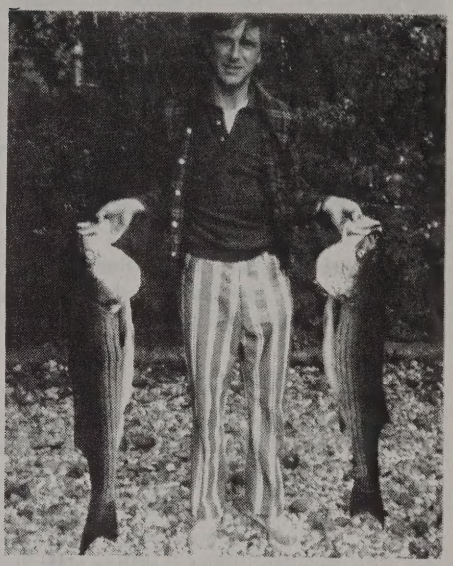
Ed Lemp at Lemp's Rod & Gun Shop in Glen Cove said he would like to have better news on local surfcasting but it just isn't there. With the exception of a few blues taken at night on rigged eels, the action is slow. Where once the bait was so thick you could walk on it, he hasn't seen much along the shore in recent days.

BAYVILLE

Mike Pump of Pump's Fishing Station reported that blackfishing has taken hold all around the Bayville area. Blackfish up to 6 lbs. are now being caught at Centre Island Reef, Oak and Lloyds Pt. Porgies are still plentiful along these same areas. Bluefishing locally is over for the season. Striped bass fishing hasn't started yet.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of Vets Fishing Station reported both stripers and bluefish action was pretty good last week. Stripers up to 12 lbs. and blues up to 5 lbs. are being caught. Action can be located most anywhere throughout the Cold Spring Harbor area. Both black and porgy fishing remains good. Flounder fishing has started and action has been reak good. The only problem there is with the flounder fishing is that they are on the small side.



George Grosselfinger caught these 28 lb. stripers off Lloyds Neck using squid and live bunker as bait.

NORTHPORT

Earl Sammis of the Greenlawn Sports Shop reported bluefishing offshore by Eatons Neck was very good last weekend. Boats fishing there were averaging up to 20 fish per boat. Along beach areas, from Northport and east and at Smithtown, blues are moving in and out and they are producing moderate action. Nice sized snappers are still with us at Northport. Blackfishing remains excellent everywhere. Flounder fishing has started at Crab Meadow Beach. Striped bass fishing is just getting started for Northport anglers.

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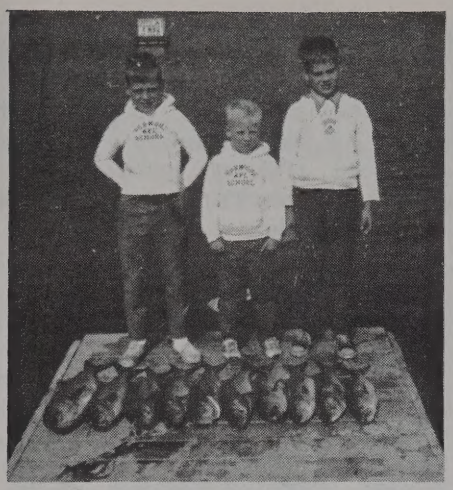
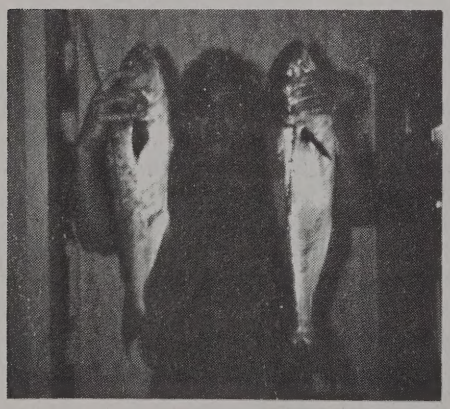


Robert, Edward, and Philip Beck display their catch of bluefish, up to 12 lbs., taken in the inlet of Huntington Harbor.

SMITHTOWN

Larry Watts of the Beacon Fishing Station reported stripers and blues are now located inshore at Callahan's Beach. Action there was good before the weekend came. No one knows what happened last Saturday and Sunday. The weather gave the stripers and blues a short reprieve from the anglers. Blackfishing off of Fort Salonga had developed into excellent fishing. Flounders have not shown their force along the Smithtown areas as of yet.



Vinny Vetere shows the two largest of 12 bluefish caught while fishing aboard Port Jeff's "Betty W." Vinny said the action kept up all day and many fish were lost to broken tackle.

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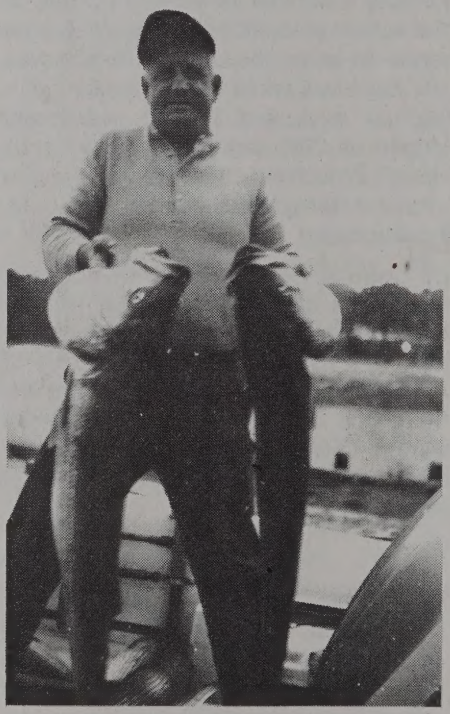
PORT JEFFERSON

John Caraftis of the Caraftis Fishing Station reported blackfishing has been exceptionally good throughout the Port Jefferson area. Old Field Point, Cranes Neck and the rock jetties have been the best spots so far. Snapper blues are still located throughout the Port Jefferson Harbor. Offshore trolling for blues in the Sound has been spotty. Only scattered catches have been produced during the last week. Striper fishing has been on the slow side and the same applies to the flounders. As soon as the waters cool off, both striper and flounder action should take hold.

MATTITUCK

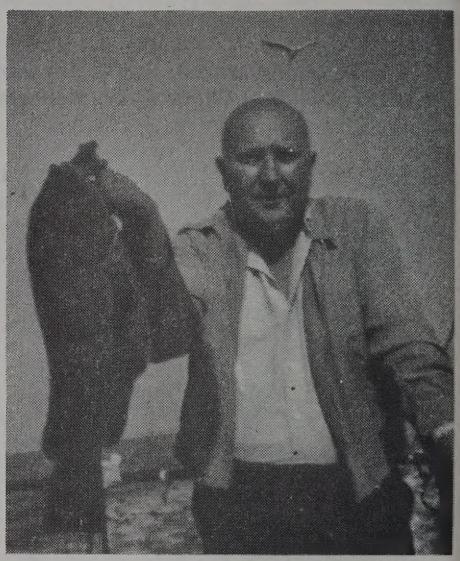
Tom Wilenski and "Patch" Piepol trailed Tom's Mako to Mattituck Inlet on several occasions last week. Using wire line and umbrella rigs at Horton's Point, they tallied up a very impressive score with big bass, school bass, and blues. Last Tuesday: 36 stripers, with 12 of them going from 26 to 38 pounds. On Wednesday: 23 stripers up to 29 pounds. By the weekend, however, only a few school bass showed in the rip along with an equal number of blues.



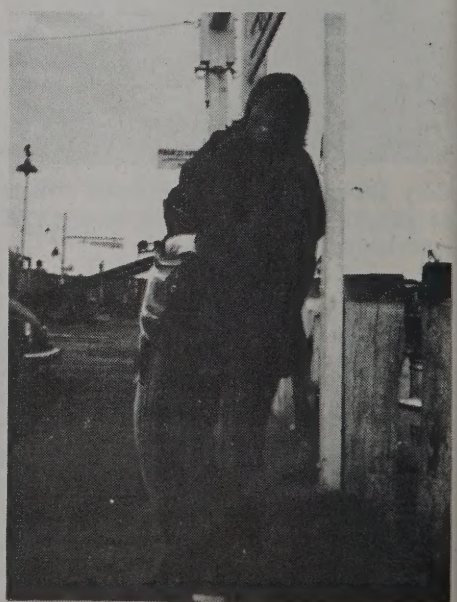
"Patch" Piepol shows two of the better stripers he and Tom Wilenski trolled off Horton's Point.

SOUTHOLD - ORIENT POINT

Peter Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported flounder fishing at Petty's Bight and Long Beach has developed into excellent fishing. Flounders from 1¼ to 2 lbs. are now being caught. At Mulford Point and areas along the lighthouse, blackfishing remains excellent. Bluefish are still active along Plum Gut and the Race. Action there still rates an excellent. Striper fishing throughout our area remains on the slow side. At bay areas around Buoy 18, weakfish up to 1¾ lbs. are being caught in fair numbers on squid baits. Along this same area, flounders are just starting to show. There are plenty of blackfish now located at the Windmills. You have a choice as far as the blackfishing goes. At the Windmilss the blackfish catches outnumber the catches at Orient Point, however, at Orient Point, blackfish up to 8 lbs. are being caught.



Ron Harry caught this big 9 pound blackfish on the "Tex III." He and his wife have been getting excellent catches and adds, "All of the big ones were caught on green crabs."



Sally Wolfe caught this 36 pound striper out at Montauk aboard the "Margaret IV."

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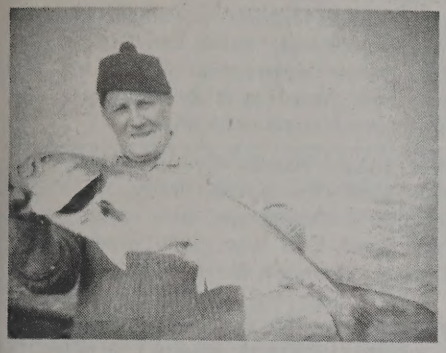

Laszlo Mehes won the pool aboard the "Hel-Cat" with this 18 lb. bluefish, caught at the Race.

MONTAUK

Capt. Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Starlite," reports that the cod fishing at Block Island can only be rated as excellent. The dogfish that infested that fishing area last week have left for parts unknown. Saturday's fishing was exceptionally good for Al Wolf of Brooklyn. Al was high hook with 34 cod, plus the pool winning 42 pounder.

Fred Shay of the East Lake Fishing Station reports that the flounder fishing is excellent. "Our customers are getting these fish in the Lake and just outside of the channel." Most of the flounders caught are keepers. The clam chummers working Shagwong for striped bass are getting plenty of blues coming into their chum slick but very few bass. The porgy fishing is still excellent at Great Eastern.

SAG HARBOR

Capt. Clark Bellows, skipper of the "Capt. Clark II," reports that there is excellent flounder fishing around Plum Island and Orient Point. "Many of my customers are getting 20 to 30 fat flounders every trip." These flounders are getting larger also, some tipping the scales at 2 lbs. and better. Blackfish are biting very well also.

HAMPTON BAYS

Ernie Behrle of Bradley's Fishing Station reports that the flounder fishing this past weekend was terrific. There are still some weakfish in the bay also, said Ernie. "All of my customers fished the Basket area and returned to the docks with good catches of fat flounders and a few weaks." The best method is chumming with cracked mussels and use bloodworms for bait. The average size of these flounders is ¾'s to one pound. "I've seen some in the 2 lb. class," said Ernie. Bass and bluefishing at the inlet is very slow.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Tom Johnson, skipper of the "Capt. Clark," reports that the flounder fishing is good in the Basket area and the east end of the bay. "We worked a few of the wrecks in Peconic Bay and did very well on blackfish," said Capt. Johnson.

Bill Sinram and Al Jara caught 40 blackfish and a ½ bushel of blue claw crabs while fishing out of the Dolly-O Fishing Station.

MORICHES

Bob Seifert of the Silly Lily Fishing Station reports there is some fair flounder fishing at Havens Point and Seatuck Cove. Many of the flounders are small and should be returned to the water, said Bob. There is excellent blue claw crabbing behind Buoy 39, near the Coast Guard Station. The striped bass action at the inlet and from the beaches is very slow.

MASTIC

Ronnie Keenan of Keenan's Fishing Station reports the flounder fishing is getting better every day. Many of these flatties are on the small side but there are enough large ones to keep everyone happy. Buoys 23 and 24 are the best areas, not only for the flounders, but blue claw crabs and eels also.

SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reports that on Saturday we had some excellent catches of flounders off of Heckscher State Park. Dennis said there was an armada of boats off the park on Saturday and it seemed that everyone was getting their share of flounders. Jack Gerhart and his mother of Bayport fished the waters east of Heckscher Park because of the crowded conditions and did exceptionally well. They fished off the old Harts Estate. The Blue Point Clam Co. has been dredging this area and Dennis is of the opinion that is helps the flounder fishermen.

CAPTREE

Al Kappauf of the Captree Bait Station reports that there were some big striped bass taken from the surf this past week. Most of the bass, although close to the beach, were caught by boatmen using large spoons, live eels and small blackfish. The scene was Cedar Beach and Field No. 9 at Jones Beach. "We weighed in a 42 and a 38 pounder and also a few in the 20 to 25 lb. class." Flounder fishing from the docks is good but many of these flatties are throw-backs, said Al.

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CAPTREE

Capt. John Gutman, skipper of the "Angler," reports that the flounder fishing at Heckscher State Park is getting better every day. The bluefishing is excellent just outside the inlet. These blues are quite large, running up to 12 lbs. There is some striped bass action at the artificial reef off of Kismet Beach. Anglers are using live blackfish for bait and they are getting stripers up to 18 lbs. at this area.

The Capt. Joseph Fleet has been sending one of their boats offshore for cod. They are having excellent results with these winter fish and the season has only started. The "Capt. Litwin" will start cod-fishing on November 2 and will sail at 6 a.m. daily.

Bill Harman took these two stripers on live eels at Cedar Overlook. They weighed 38 and 29 lbs. on the scales at the S & S Sporting Goods.

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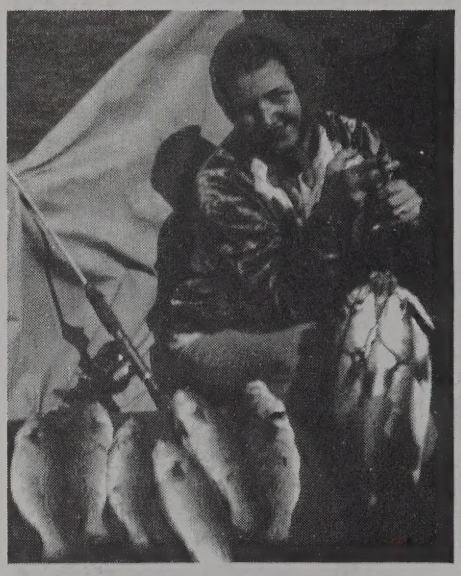

Joseph Matchekosky snapped this photo of his wife, Kathy, with the dozen or so weakfish they caught near the Robert Moses Bridge on squid baits.

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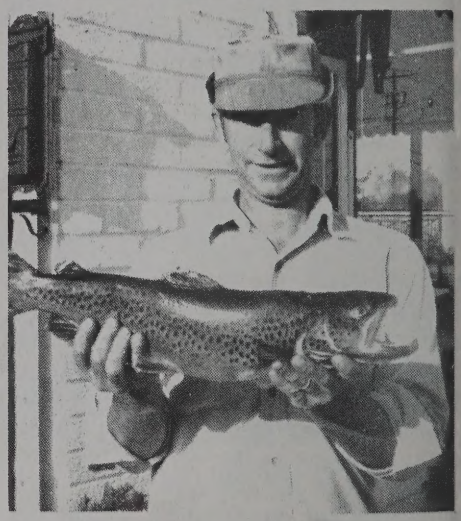

Bill Wesch, Jr. with a 4 lb., 22 inch sea-run brown trout he caught along with 5 smaller ones from the shore at Great River. He used 4 lb. test line tied to a No. 4 C-P Swinger. Photo by Sonjah Schulz of the Lindenhurst S & S.

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BABYLON

Walter Schmidt of the Babylon Fishing Station said the fishing is good: what we need is good weather. On Saturday, the boat called "Guaglio" fished offshore in about 85 ft. of water and caught 30 to 40 blues of the biggest variety. The weekend saw excellent catches of weakfish and kingfish at Fire Island Inlet. The flounder fishing is picking up all over the bay. The crabbing is very good in the deep water in the channel and around the Sore Thumb Jetty.

WEST BABYLON

Charlie Crowley of Charlie's Fishing Station reports that Doc Grell, who docks his boat the "Moby Dick" there, brought in a bluefish that weighed over 20 lbs. he connected with this beauty. The flounder fishing is excellent off Bergen Point, said Charlie.

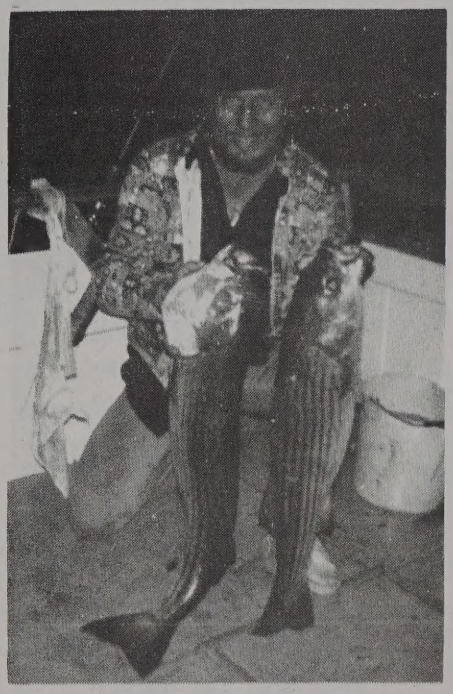
SEAFORD

Lon Wanser of Wanser's Bait & Tackle reports the flounder fishing is very good at the State Channel, Zach's Bay and Goose Creek. Bloodworms are best in the bait department. The clam chummers are getting some striped bass action in the State Channel. The surf is still a little slow as far as striped bass are concerned, said Lon.

Larry James caught these 9 weakfish from 2 to 5 lbs. fishing from Pop's Fishing Station in Seaford.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Tackle Shop reports that the surfcasters are getting some action. John Carroll of the Causeway Fishing Club fished the surf at Field No. 9 and caught a 34 lb. bass and also a 30 pounder. The bigger striper was taken on a live eel and the other bass fell for a sandworm. Harry Himbler, under the guidance of pro John Walter, took four stripers up to 10 lbs. at Matinecock Point on the north shore. The flounders are still a little on the small side but are plentiful, especially by the waters around Squaw Island. There are still some weakfish around.



Emil Leidner shows a brace of stripers. He and Paul Geyer have been casting red Alou Eels at the second bridge of the Wantagh Causeway and doing exceptionally well. On this trip they had four from 12 to 28 lbs. On their last trip, 12 bass up to 36 lbs. Emil added, "the whole Seaford Wantagh area seems to be full of these size fish. We are taking fish every night."

Wlater Walsh called in last Wednesday to tell us of a good catch at Jones Beach Parking Field No. 9. Walter and four other members of the Causeway Fishing Club landed six striped bass from the surf. They weighed from 34 to 44 lbs. The big linesiders took live eels and darters. The action broke loose at 1 a.m. which was the peek of high water. The fish were weighed in at Ralph's Tackle in Island Park.

FREEPORT

John of the Freeport Cold Storage reports excellent fishing all over. There is great action on bluefish offshore in about 75 to 85 feet of water. These blues are all in the 10 lb. plus class. The Capt. Jack's "Star Stream" is doing very well at the offshore wrecks on blackfish, porgies and sea bass. Boatmen using live bunkers are doing very well on striped bass. Most of these bass are being caught to the west of Jones Inlet. There is still good action on weakfish, kingfish and flounders around the bridges. The flounder fishing is good in general, but they are very small.

Mike O'Neil sent this photo of his nephews, Mike and Edward McGrath. They caught flounders and one bluefish in the Freeport Canal.

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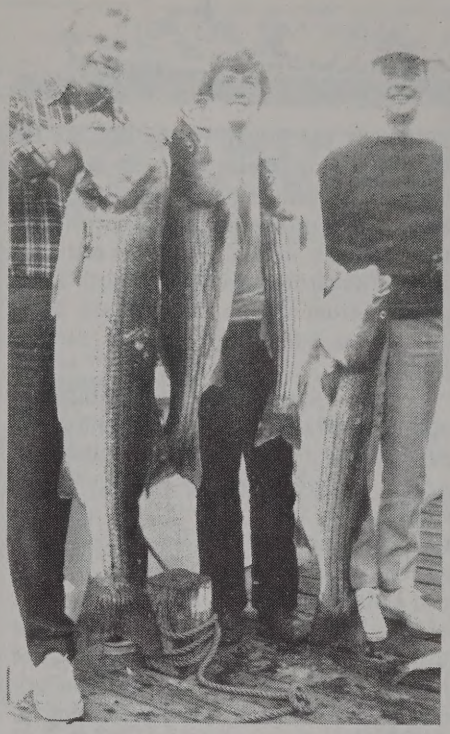
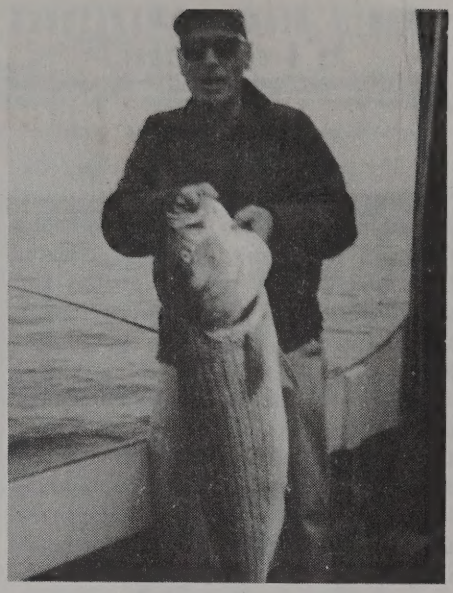
POINT LOOKOUT

Marilyn Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reports that there was excellent striped bass and bluefish action off of Lido Beach over the weekend. Many of the stripers were in the 30 lb. plus range. The blues were large also, some going as high as 16 lbs. The stripers were trolled and were taken on an assortment of lures. The 3 oz. Alou Eels in black and gray were very effective. Double surgical tubes and medium sized bunker spoons were very good also. The blues fell for the Alou Eels and surgical tubes. The flounders are in Cinder Creek, Fundy Bay and the flats. There is some fair weakfishing at these areas also. The blackfishing is excellent at the bridges and the wrecks. Fiddler crab baits are best on these fish.

Capt. Henry Thorschmidt of the "Blue Albatross II" reports that porgies, sea bass and blackfish are in good numbers at many of the wrecks offshore. The blackfishing is exceptional and many of these hard fighting fish are in the 8 to 10 lb. class. Inshore, the flounder fishing is good but many of these flatties are still on the small side.

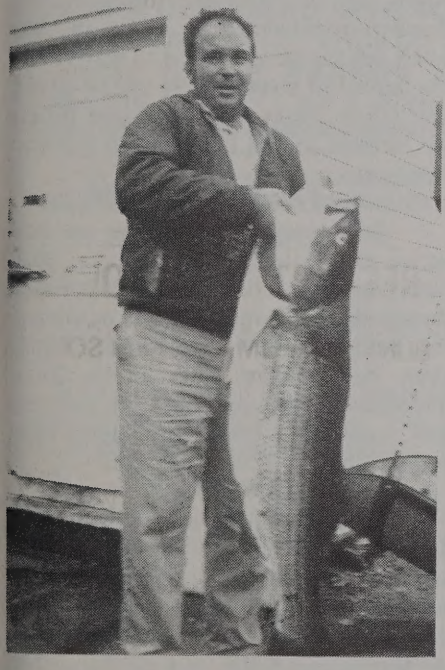


Jack Murphy, Pete Hancke, and Jim Mc Carthy got these stripers, one at 10 lbs., the other four from 23 to 41 lbs., aboard the "Kim" at Atlantic Beach.



Joseph Pajer took this photo of one of his friends and one of the big stripers they caught off Lido Beach aboard the "Johnny K."

John Giacoppot and John Stimel with a 32 lb. striper caught drifting live bunkers off Atlantic Beach on Ed Holmes' skiff.



Mike, of Sportacular, trolled surgical tubes off Lido Beach for this 49½ lb. lunker.

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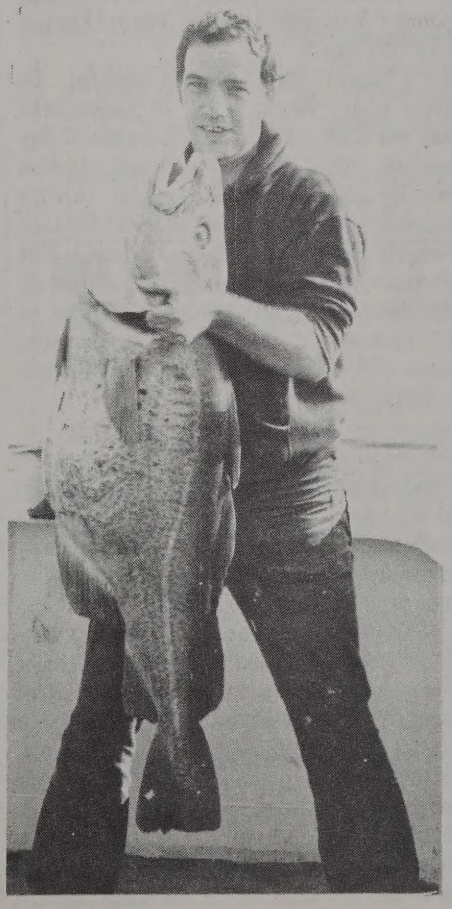
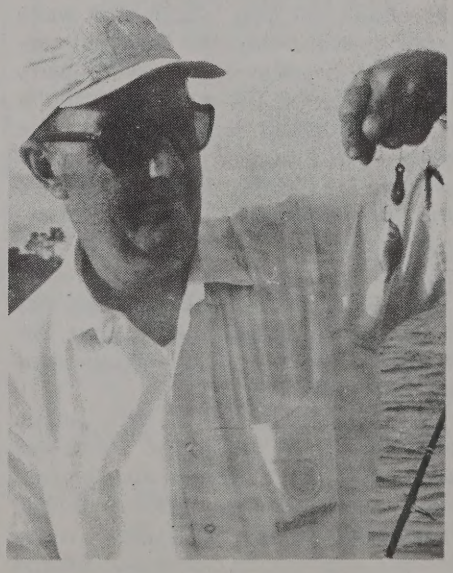


Teddy Schoenau of Brooklyn, and a subscriber of the L.I.F., displays his 57 lb. 2 oz. giant cod that he caught last Friday aboard the "Tampa IV's" special offshore cod and pollack trip.



Sometimes the little ones are a record too. Ed Cole with a 2" Porkie caught in Raratan Bay, Staten Island, on Friday, aboard the "Mermaid."

ATLANTIC BEACH TO MANASQUAN

By Greg Beacher

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station reported stripers from 10 to 40 lbs. are providing plenty of action from the Rockaway Playland and east towards Lido Beach. Both bunker spoons and surgical tube lures are producing as many as 4 and 8 fish per boat. Along with this action, blues up to 15 lbs. are also being caught. Bass fishermen who think they are seeing things like whales and giant tuna should not commit themselves. Whales and giant tuna are located along this area, and although there aren't many of them, they are making their presence known while feeding on bunker schools.

At Reynolds Channel, flounders are now being caught in good numbers along with nice sized kingfish. At the Atlantic Beach Bridge, both black and striper fishing is holding strong as anglers are producing rewarding catches. Blackfishing along bridges, jetties, reefs and wrecks has developed into excellent fishing. Last Saturday a school of albacore moved in and out of Reynolds Channel. They jumped and waved to fishermen who were unable to catch them before they left.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Bluefish have not thrown in the towel for the season yet as Sheepshead Bay party boats continue to produce good catches of them. At 17 Fathoms and the Farms, blues from 5 to 15 lbs. are still active and at times produce excellent action. Last week, dogfish outnumbered blues along these areas, but that didn't last long. All it took was a short time and then the blues outnumbered the dogfish. Last weekend party boats connected for excellent action at the Farms and 17, with the best action being at the Farms. At times schools of albacore were mixed in with the blues. At Norton's Point, Ambrose Channel and the Tin Can Grounds, blues up to 7 lbs. were trolled in fair numbers last Sunday. Some Sheepshead Bay skippers feel that blues will be caught for the next few weeks, and possibly, if the weather permits, until Thanksgiving.

Bottom fishing for both porgies and blackfish locally and at wrecks and reefs has developed into productive fishing. At the Marine Parkway Bridge, blackfishing is very good. Also at the bridge, porgy fishing can be described as good. Areas off of Manhattan Beach, Louis' Pier and Rockaway Jetty are producing good sized blackfish.

Striper fishing locally has been located at the Round House and the Tin Cans. Action there has been on clam chum, with little action for trollers. Bass fishermen from the Bay are concentrating their efforts at Lido to the east and Flynns Knoll to the west. At both areas, stripers from 10 to 40 lbs. are being caught on bunker spoons and surgical tube lures.

Last Saturday's special offshore cod and pollack trip by the "Tampa IV" produced some 150 cod and pollack, of which the greater percentage were cod. Cod from as small as a ½ lb. on up to 57 lbs. were caught. There were many 15 and 20 pounders taken along with a few cod in the 30 lb. class. Teddy Schoenau of Brooklyn boated the largest cod of the trip, 57 lbs. 2 ozs. Ziggy Gross of Irvington, N.J. boated the largest pollack of the trip, 27 lbs. Tony Arbeeny of Staten Island won the $437.00 pool with a 39½ lb. cod. Teddy Schoenau would have won the pool, however, he was not entered. See what happens when you don't enter special offshore fishing pools. You can be sure Teddy knows, $437.00 worth.

Last Friday, Alvin Coley of the party boat "Betty W II" of Sheepshead Bay set a new record for Sheepshead Bay anglers. Alvin caught the largest bluefish ever by a Sheepshead Bay angler. Alvin's bluefish hit the scales at Stella Maris Fishing Station at 22 lbs. 2 ozs. The chopper was hooked and boated while the Betty W II was fishing southeast of 17 Fathoms. Along with that catch, some 125 other blues, from 5 to 14 lbs., were taken for the day.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reported stripers are being caught at Newdorp Beach in fair numbers. The best results are coming during the early morning and late evening hours. The 1½ oz. Hopkins lure with a white bucktail has produced the best there. At the Fort Wadsworth and towards Great Kills, porgy fishing has turned into excellent action. The best part of this fishing is that larger porgies are starting to show. Along with porgies, there are some nice kingfish mixed in. Weakfishing for the Staten Island area seems to be over for the season. Flounders up to a pound are now being caught at Great Kills Harbor. At Flynn's Knoll, both blues and bass are mixed. Bass are being trolled and blues are being chummed. A few blues are hitting trolled lures. No one knows what caused last week's fish kill of stripers and spearing. Specimens have not been studied yet and the main cause has not been determined. Those interested should make themselves heard so that the cause of the fish kill becomes known.

SANDY HOOK

Capt. Bunt of the "Sea Horse" of the Highlands reports bluefishing at 17 Fathoms was very good during last week. On Saturday, they picked up blues from 5 to 12 lbs. Fishing here was only a pick until it was time to go home. Then they really started to bite and the Sea Horse stood longer for the improved action. On Sunday, the weather was against them so they fished Flynn's Knoll, just west of the Romar Shoal Lighthouse. Blues up to 10 lbs. were chummed but they produced only moderate action. Paul Hardgrave of South River, N.J. was the pool winner for the day with a 10 pounder. Party boats that ventured offshore to the Farms and 17 Fathoms caught blues in good numbers once again.

Locally, striper fishing at Sandy Hook has really taken hold. Stripers up to 40 lbs. are now being trolled on surgical tube lures and bunker spoons, with the best action so far located at Flynn's Knoll, the 1C Buoy and Romar Shoals. Smaller stripers have not shown in force as of yet for worm fishing to start. With the arrival of stripers from 15 to 40 lbs. and better, many feel that worm fishing for stripers should start within the next two weeks.

LONG BRANCH - SHARK RIVER

Both stripers and blues are now active along these beach areas. Surfcasters are connecting for excellent action during the early morning and late evening hours. Stripers are hitting mostly clam baits, while blues prefer lures. Throughout this area blackfish and porgies have been productive along local wrecks, rocky bottoms and reefs.

MANASQUAN

Harry Conrade of Gates Bait & Tackle reports bluefishing can't be beat and for some reason or another remains excellent for this time of the year. Blues are active along beach areas and offshore. At Manasquan Ridge and the Klondike, blues up to 14 lbs. are active and are producing excellent action. The only difference between the Ridge and the Klondike is that the Ridge is closer to home.

Striper action at Point Pleasant Beach and Beacon Beach is producing bass up to 20 lbs. Both clam baits and sandworms are doing the trick there. At the Manasquan Inlet, fishermen plugging for bass from the rocks of the jetty are hitting school sized bass on Redfin plugs. At Bayhead, boats drifting squid baits are connecting for excellent action

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with weakfish from 2 to 5 lbs. Flounders are in at the Manasquan River. Fish up to a pound are now being caught.

SEASIDE PARK

Eddy Blase of Eddy's Bait & Tackle reports bluefishing locally and offshore continues to produce excellent catches. Surf fishermen are connecting for good action off the beach areas of Island Beach Park. Party boats fishing the west end of Barnegat Ridge are chumming jumbo blues and are returning with excellent results of blues up to 14 lbs.

Beach areas are loaded with small stripers at the present time. Bass action is now excellent for surf casters. However, there is one problem: For every striper caught you have to release three as they are shorts. New Jersey law states that any striper caught that is under 18" in size must be released. At times both bass and blues are mixed along beach areas.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

ADD 6 HOURS FOR LOW TIDE

SANDY HOOK

DAY	AM	PM
4-Thur.	8:18	8:48
5-Fri.	9:06	9:42
6-Sat.	10:00	10:36
7-Sun.	10:54	11:36
8-Mon.	11:48	--------
9-Tues.	12:30	12:48
10-Wed.	1:30	1:42
11-Thur.	2:30	2:42

on SANDY HOOK

Long Island South Side

	h.	m.
Hempstead Bay		
Deep Creek Meadow	+1	02
Green Island	+1	22
Cuba Island	+1	08
Bellmore, Bellmore Creek	+1	29
Neds Creek	+0	50
Freeport Creek	+0	34
Freeport, Baldwin Bay	+0	38
Long Beach	+0	19
Long Beach, outer coast	- 0	29
Hempstead Bay Continued		
East Rockaway	+0	42
Woodmere, Brosewere Bay	+0	35
East Rockaway Inlet	- 0	06
Jamaica Bay		
Plumb Beach Channel	+0	03
Barren Island, Rockaway Inlet	- 0	00
Beach Channel (bridge)	+0	38
Motts Basin	+0	40
Norton Point, Head of Bay	+0	39
New York International Airport	+0	26
Grassy Bay (bridge)	+0	44
Carnarsie	+0	28
Mill Basin	+0	29
Coney Island	- 0	03
Norton Point, Gravesend Bay	- 0	03
Shinnecock Inlet (ocean)	- 0	50
Ponquogue Bridge, Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
Potunk Point, Moriches Bay	+3	35
Moriches Inlet	- 0	56
Mastic Beach, Moriches Bay	+3	28
Fire Island Breakwater	- 0	39
Democrat Point, Fire Island Inlet	- 0	38
Great South Bay		
Fire Island Light	+0	47
West Fire Island	+2	11
Point O' Woods	+2	28
Bellport, Bellport Bay	+3	44
Patchogue	+3	23
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Great River, Connetquot River	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Oak Beach	+2	24
Babylon	+2	12
Gilgo Heading	+2	23
Amityville	+2	21
Biltmore Shores, So. Oyster Bay	+2	05
Jones Inlet (Point Lookout)	- 0	19

WILLETS POINT

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10-Wed.	5:48	6:12
11-Thur.	6:42	7:12

on WILLETS POINT

Long Island Sound

	h.	m.
Port Chester	- 0	09
Rye Beach	- 0	14
Mamaroneck	- 0	08
New Rochelle	- 0	13
Davids Island	- 0	02
City Island	- 0	03
Throggs Neck	+0	02
Whitestone	+0	02
Old Ferry Point	+0	04
College Point, Flushing Bay	+0	20
Hewlett Point	- 0	03
Port Washington, Manhasset Bay	- 0	01
Execution Rocks	- 0	06
Glen Cove, Hempstead Harbor	- 0	11

BRIDGEPORT

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on BRIDGEPORT

Long Island Sound

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Oyster Bay		
Oyster Bay Harbor	+0	04
Bayville Bridge	+0	09
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	04
Eatons Point	- 0	01
Lloyd Harbor ent. Huntington	- 0	01
Northport, Northport Bay	- 0	01
Nissequogue River entrance	- 0	07
Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay	+0	05
Stratford Shoal	- 0	09
Pt. Jefferson Harbor entrance	- 0	01
Port Jefferson	+0	02
Setauket Harbor	0	00
Conscience Bay ent. (Narrows)	+0	03
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	05
Herod Point	- 0	11
Mattituck Inlet	+0	39
Horton Point	- 0	24
Truman Beach	- 0	46

NEW LONDON

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on NEW LONDON

	h.	m.
Plum Gut Harbor, Plum Island	+0	34
Little Gull Island	+0	17
Shelter Island Sound		
Orient	+0	41
Greenport	+1	09
Southold	+1	48
Noyack Bay	+2	10
Sag Harbor	+1	04
Cedar Island	+0	49
Peconic Bays		
New Suffolk	+2	31
South Jamesport	+2	37
Shinnecock Canal	+2	38
Three mile Hbr. ent., Gardiners Bay	+0	26
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	- 0	09
Montauk Harbor entrance	- 0	20
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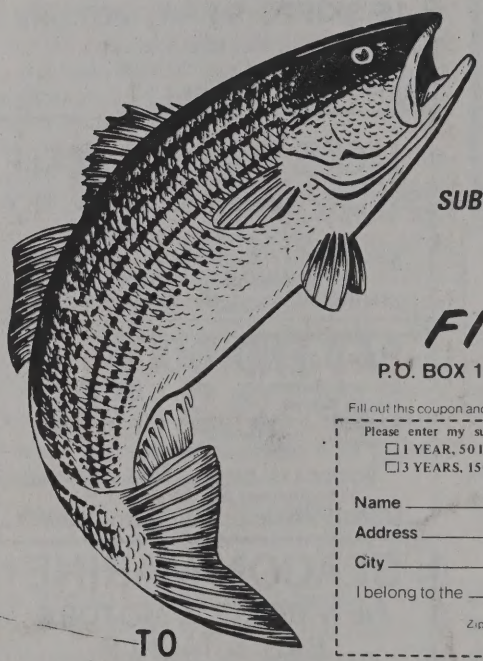

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